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Reply To Attn Of: ECO-087

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the states of Idaho, Washington and Oregon, and in cooperation with the Columbia Basin Tribes, I would like to invite your participation in informational workshops to share information on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for total dissolved gas (TDG) and water temperature on the Mainstem of the Columbia/Snake River. *The first workshop will be July 23, 2001, at 9:00 AM, Bigfoot and Sasquatch Rooms, Spokane Community College, 1810 N. Green St., Spokane, Washington. The second workshop will be July 24, 2001, at 9:00 AM, Commission Room, Port of Portland, 2nd & Everett St., Portland, Oregon.* A TMDL fact sheet and an agenda for each of these workshops is enclosed. Please attend whichever is most appropriate and/or convenient. Check the website, www.epa.gov/r10earth/columbiainstemtmdl.htm, for more timely materials as they are developed.

The purpose of the workshops is to provide information on the TDG and temperature TMDLs being developed for the Columbia/Snake River Mainstem, and to receive informal feedback on the temperature model (RBM-10) being used in this effort. Topics under consideration include current temperature and TDG problems in the basin, the temperature and TDG TMDL process and schedule, and the temperature model. The workshops will conclude with an interactive discussion of the workshop topics, and an opportunity for participants to informally comment on the temperature model. We look forward to the participation of many key groups, including the Western Governors' Association, which has initiated an effort to support the TMDL work in the Columbia/Snake River Mainstem, and will be assisting with the facilitation of this workshop.

If you will be able to attend one of these workshops, please RSVP by July 16, 2001, to Teresa Kubo in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Oregon Operations Office at (503) 326-3280, or by e-mail at kubo.teresa@epa.gov. More specific information and directions can be provided to you then. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures